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## MEXICO WARNED BY U.S.

Show An Immediate Improvement In Conditions—Entire Change of Policy of United States Said to Be Indicted In Note.

President and Secretary Bryan Confer On Drafting of Message, Which Is Kept Secret Pending Answer From Carranza As to His Policies.

Washington, March 8.—New and urgent representations amounting practically to a warning have been sent by the United States to General Carranza demanding an improvement of conditions in Mexico City.

Diplomatists familiar with the contents of the note which American Consul Silliman has been instructed to present to General Carranza interpret it as an entire change of policy on the part of the Washington government toward the Mexican situation.

The communication to Carranza which was drafted after conferences between President Wilson, Secretary Bryan and Counselor Lansing, was guarded with secrecy pending word from Carranza as to his attitude. It was said by some officials that the note contained the strongest representations that ever have been made to Carranza and indicates that the American government is losing patience with his indifference to the objectionable acts of General Obregon at Mexico City.

Those who knew the contents of the communication said it was not in the nature of an ultimatum but pointed out in explicit language that any consequences might follow if the welfare of foreigners continued to be disregarded. Early in the day, Secretary Daniels had said no additions were contemplated to the fleet in Mexican waters but later it was learned that the cruiser Tacoma had been ordered from Port Au Prince, Haiti, to Vera Cruz. Secretary Daniels, in consultation with Secretary Bryan concerning the situation. Further movements of vessels may be decided upon.

In diplomatic quarters there were more manifestations of concern over the Mexican situation than at any time since the American forces were landed at Vera Cruz. The foreign diplomats conferred among themselves and unanimously agreed that the latest developments as they heard them.

Some of the diplomats themselves satisfied that the course of the American government produces results. One of the ministers who had received a telegram stating that the diplomatic just what move now is contemplated Continued on Page 2.

## LOVE-LORN SWAINS IN CITY COURT FOR DISTURBING PEACE

Sweetheart Slapped In Face, Has Joseph Foglio Arrested for Assault

Loyalty and devotion to "The Girl of My Dreams" got an awful wallop in the city court this morning when Bruno Ragie, aged 21, of 86 Allen street, and Joseph Foglio, same age, of 67 Kelly street were found guilty of breach of the peace and assault. Ragie, who was arrested by Policeman Martin Kane in front of the Park theatre last night when his actions had attracted a large crowd and created a suspicion that he was an escaped lunatic, told the court this morning that his reason for running into the theatre, peering into the faces of men and women alighting from trolley cars and even entering a taxi cab occupied by a young man and woman, were purely love-hyred. While walking with his best girl he lost her and later caught sight of her with another man. They escaped him and he wanted to find her. The quest cost him \$5 plus court charges. Foglio, arrested upon the complaint of Marie Antonelli, 1223 Pembroke street, was keeping company with the girl, who works in the U. M. C. Co. Last night when she emerged from the big yards she was accompanied by another man. Foglio did not wait but struck him directly in the eye and when he had fully aired his views on men who take other girls away from their homes but later had him arrested. A sentence of five days in jail was imposed by the court.

## CHIEF PRISONER AND JUDGE IN ASYLUM CONSPIRACY CASE



## ATLAS VS. KEATING SUIT SLATED FOR TRIAL VERY SOON

New York American Pitcher Expects to Return From South In Time

The suit brought by Prof. James Atlas proprietor of the Hotel Atlas, against Ray Keating, the New York American league pitcher, has been placed on the trial list of the present jury term of the civil superior court. Keating is in the south at present at the training camp of the New York club but it is thought he will be in this section by the time the case is reached. Prof. Atlas wants \$2,000 for damages alleged to have been done on the night of February 8, 1913 when the memorable fight took place in the Fairfield avenue hotel. He claims Keating assaulted him about the head and body and created such a commotion that guests fled from the tables. The trouble caused him great mental suffering, Prof. Atlas says, and also resulted in unpleasant notoriety and financial loss. Keating is said to have broken window panes, chairs and a refrigerator, causing damage to the amount of \$100. Prof. Atlas also declares he had to pay for medical attendance. The suit has been pending for over a year.

## NEW LAW FIRM AT CAPITAL FOR OUR PUBLIC UTILITIES

Warner Interests to Have Banks & Nicholson at Hartford

Announcement was made to-day that the law firm of Nicholson & Banks hereafter will look after legislative matters of interest to the Warner Bros. Co., the Bridgeport Gas Co., and the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co. For several years, the firm of Stoddard, Marsh & Day has been general counsel for these corporations and has looked after legislative matters in the companies' interests. Judge Elmore S. Banks to-day confirmed the report that his firm had been retained for the corporations. So far as he knew, he said, there had been no change in the general counsel of the companies involved. DeVer H. Warner is the directing influence in the three companies. Whether other corporations and banks in which he is interested might be effected later by a similar change could not be learned to-day.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS CANCELS WILSON'S TRIP

Washington, March 8.—Formal announcement that President Wilson will be unable to attend the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco this month was made today at the White House. The President gave as his reason the necessity that he keep in close touch with "the various matters which the government has to deal with."

## Reports Chicken Theft

Charles Kicknell of 108 Columbia street reported to the police this morning that four chickens were stolen from his yard Friday.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy tonight; Tuesday fair. Moderate to fresh north winds.

## HUMAN BONES IN SHARK LANDED BY RIDGEFIELD MAN

Hal Sanford Makes Gruesome Discovery Following Catch of Monster

(Special to The Farmer.) Miami, Fla., March 8.—Nobody has been learned to be missing from this city, as a result of the search following the finding of parts of a human skeleton in the stomach of the huge man-eating shark caught off Soldier Key, 12 miles from here, by Hal Sanford of New York and Ridgefield, Conn. It is believed some passenger dropped off a steamer and was devoured. The fish is said to be the first man-eating shark ever taken from South Florida waters. Sanford caught it while fishing. When opened, the body of the shark was found to contain a human skull, a right shoulder blade, a left thigh bone, a bone of the upper arm and a finger bone.

Sanford is well known in this city. He is a grandson of the late Henry Sanford, Adams Express millionaire. Friends in this city have followed his fishing trips with interest. He caught nine other sharks on the same trip.

## ANARCHIST BOMB THROWER ENTERS NOT GUILTY PLEA

Held Under Bail of \$25,000 for Trial for Outrage at St. Patrick's Cathedral

New York, March 8.—Frank Abarno, the young anarchist arrested in St. Patrick's cathedral last Tuesday morning, after detectives had stamped out a fuse of lighted bomb which imperiled the lives of 800 worshippers, pleaded not guilty today to the charge of attempting to explode the bomb, a felony upon conviction of which he could be sent to prison for 25 years. Carmine Carbone, the 18 year old boy arrested as the maker of the missile, entered a similar plea. Both were held in \$25,000 bail for trial. Justice Swann allowed the men until next Thursday to withdraw or change their plea, should they so desire. A motion made in their behalf to have the bail reduced was denied. The court took under advisement the request to have their counsel inspect the remains of the grand jury which indicted them.

Prior to pleading the prisoners were told to select from the cluster of lawyers employed to defend them four men to act as their attorneys. They selected Francis J. Greco, who was entered as attorney of record; John Palmeri, Simon O. Pollock and Isidor E. Schindler. The plot which the police claim existed among anarchists to take the lives of Andrew Carnegie, the Rockefellers, Cornelius Vanderbilt and other rich men, to blow up banks and inaugurate a reign of terror in New York city, did not come before the court today.

## STUATOR, CHARGED WITH NON-SUPPORT, TAKEN AWAY

Louis Stuator, arrested on Friday last upon a warrant sworn out in Philadelphia, by his wife, charging him with non-support was taken to city by the Quaker City authorities to-day. He waived extradition.

## THAW HAPPY AS HE FACES TRIAL FOR CONSPIRACY

Spectacular Dash From Matteawan Brings White's Slayer Again In Court

MAY GO ON STAND TO TELL HIS SIDE

Co-Defendants, Late In Getting to Court, Are Warned By Judge Page

New York, March 8.—Harry Kendall Thaw, slayer of Stanford White smilingly came into the criminal branch of the supreme court here today to stand trial for conspiracy to escape from the state hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan. Five men charged with assisting in the conspiracy were placed on trial with him.

Justice Page said he would allow the defendants five peremptory challenges. Motion by Thaw's counsel that each of the six defendants be allowed five peremptory challenges was denied.

Mrs. Mary Copely Thaw, Harry's mother, was in court, as was his sister. As he entered the courtroom, Thaw, accompanied by a deputy sheriff, smiled at his mother and then proceeded to the table occupied by his lawyers. He appeared to be in excellent health.

When the names of Thaw's co-defendants were called none of them answered. Deputy sheriffs were sent into the corridors and finally came back with Roger Thompson and Eugene Duffy. Five minutes elapsed and Thomas Flood was brought in. Butler and O'Keefe hurried into court 10 minutes later. Both were out of breath.

When they were all seated, Justice Page warned them that if they were tardy again he would discharge them from bail and have them confined to the Tombs during the trial.

Morgan J. O'Brien, counsel for Thaw, said it was not at all improbable that Thaw would testify in his own behalf. Deputy Attorney General Franklin Kennedy and Frank Cook will appear for the state while Thaw will be represented by John Stanchfield, Morgan J. O'Brien and Morgan J. O'Brien, Jr. William J. Knappe, a buyer, the 6th talesman examined, was challenged peremptorily by the defense when he failed to give a satisfactory answer as to whether he would "consider" justifying the escape of a man illegally detained in an asylum. Up to this time three jurors had been selected.

The next talesman examined, Frederick Emmertich, a contractor, was asked by Thaw's counsel "if we prove to you that Thaw was sane at the time of his escape would that prejudice your mind in determining the case?"

The district attorney's objection to the question was overruled and Emmertich was accepted by both sides. Christopher Schultz, 80 years old, a produce merchant, was selected as juror No. 5.

## THREE YEARS IN PENITENTIARY FOR PASSPORT FRAUDS

First of Six Indicted Pleads Guilty to Two Counts Before U. S. Court

New York, March 8.—Charles Ruroede, one of the six persons indicted in an alleged conspiracy to defraud the United States in obtaining false American passports for German revolutionists, pleaded guilty today to one of three indictments against him and to the second count of another. District Attorney Marshall in recommending a light sentence for Ruroede, announced that Hans Adam Von Weddell, who also was indicted and who fled the country, has been captured and would be returned here. He said that Von Weddell was the chief conspirator in the case. Federal Judge Neterer, before whom the cases are being tried, sentenced Ruroede to serve three years in the Atlanta penitentiary. The maximum penalty that could be inflicted under the indictment is 12 years.

## EASTERN MAGNATES AWAIT CLARKIN'S GUARANTEE BOND

It was reported on good authority today that a meeting of the Eastern Association baseball league magnates will be held in Hartford March 16, at the Hotel Garde. This is one day after the time limit set for each club director to file his bond which guarantees that he will finish the season.

If Owner Clarkin of Hartford does not see his bond on March 15 the Eastern magnates will be prepared to consider the situation at their meeting.

## National Bank Call Issued For March 4

Washington, March 8.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business Thursday, March 4.

## HIGH COST OF DYING CAUSES INVESTIGATION

Charities Officials Will Study Absurd Expenses of Poor

CHARGE \$5 ON LIST FOR EACH MOURNER

Brass Band, "Cloth for Coffin," and \$30 Worth of Refreshments On Bill

Five dollars apiece for professional mourners at a funeral, \$25 for cloth to cover the deceased's coffin, \$30 for refreshments for the mourners, \$60 for a coffin worth about \$25 and more for a brass band, are alleged to be items in a funeral bill presented last week by an undertaker to a poor family from the East side.

According to the charities commissioners, unscrupulous undertakers, in whom foreign-born persons trust implicitly, are preying upon the ignorance of their countrymen and are waxing rich.

It is possible that to-day's meeting of the commissioners will bring forth discussion upon possible ways and means for educating the alien element of the city respecting the burial of the dead. It has been discovered by the charity department that some undertakers, whose hands insurance policies have been entrusted, have taken advantage of ignorance and charged enormous sums for the burial of the dead. In the case mentioned it has been discovered that a policy for about \$900 had been rendered to the undertaker in which a bill for over \$300 was presented and payment demanded.

The funeral bill rendered with balance of the insurance money it would seem that most riotous times were enjoyed about the corpse by paid mourners. The family, a comparatively poor and needy one, was charged \$60 for a coffin, which according to the undertaker's heads should have averaged \$25 for people in their walk of life. Five men were paid \$5 each to mourn, and refreshments valued at \$30 were consumed by paid mourners. A special item "cloth to cover the coffin" is charged at \$25. Other specialties at the funeral were flowers, candles and a brass band.

Supt. Spencer R. Gordon to-day said that this is only one of the many similar cases that have recently been brought to his attention. He said that the attention of the police department has been directed to the poorer class of people who had no means of knowing what should be expended for funerals and leave their affairs trustfully in the hands of the unscrupulous undertakers, who "bleed" their clients to the fullest extent.

## SEVEN PASTORS TO VISIT PHILADELPHIA TO WATCH SUNDAY

Methods of the Baseball Evangelist Will Be Learned at First Hand

Members of the committee from the Pastors' association appointed to consider the city of Philadelphia Sunday, the evangelist, conducted series of revival services will go to Philadelphia Thursday to get a first-hand idea of Sunday's work and the success of his efforts in converting people to religion. Those who will go to the Quaker City next week are Rev. George M. Brown, pastor of the First Methodist church and chairman of the committee; Rev. George O. Tamblin, pastor of Olivet Congregational church; Rev. Edgar R. Cooper, pastor of the First English Evangelical Lutheran church; Rev. Dr. H. A. Davenport, pastor of the People's Presbyterian church; Rev. John R. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist church and Rev. E. A. Burnes, pastor of the Washington Park M. E. church.

Whether they will take a noon express or an earlier train has not yet been decided. Rev. Dr. Gerald H. Ruesch, pastor of the Park street Congregational church and W. Seymour Lacey, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian association will not go to Philadelphia until Friday. The party will remain in Philadelphia for Mr. Sunday's service Friday night and will return to this city early Saturday morning.

In the party who are going to investigate Mr. Sunday's methods are clergymen who favor him, those who are opposed to him and several who have formed no opinion on the subject. The committee has not yet considered any date for bringing Mr. Sunday here, if he is to come. It is understood that he has engagements for several months ahead and his engagement must be considered in the arrangements.

There is a difference of opinion among the committee as to where the services should be held. Some want services in the larger churches, using a different church each day. Others favor hiring the State armory and others the Casino in State street. Whether or not Mr. Sunday is to come here will be settled in Philadelphia before the committee returns.

## CHARITIES BOARD MEETS.

A meeting of the board of charities began at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. It was expected that at this time selection of an undertaker to bury the pauper dead would be made for the six months beginning April 1, but owing to the fact that last year the appointment hung fire for an additional month the regular semi-annual change will not be made until May this year.

## TERRIFIC BATTLE IS RAGING ALONG BANKS OF VISTULA

### Summary OF THE War News

Today's official statements indicate that there was no fighting of great importance yesterday. The French claim slight gains in Champagne and Lorraine. The German statement asserts that French attacks at several points but asserts that all were repulsed.

In the eastern campaign the Russians apparently are maintaining the offensive in northern Poland. The German statement tells of Russian attacks at several points but asserts that all were repulsed.

Despatches from Greece report the situation there as grave as a result of the present deadlock over the question whether that country shall intervene in the war on the side of the allies. M. Zaimis, governor of the national bank of Greece, has not yet shown any indications of being able to get together a new cabinet to succeed that of Premier Venizelos which resigned on Saturday because King Constantine did not approve the Premier's policy of participation in the war.

The bombardment of the Dardanelles by the allies which is primarily responsible for the present situation in Greece has had its effect also on other nations. London despatches say that the Bulgarian premier has pronounced a statement concerning his government's position.

Public opinion in Italy also is aroused although there are no indications that this nation will change the policy of neutrality at this time.

The fighting in the Carpathians which for prolonged and desperate encounters, rivals any phase of the war, continues without a decisive victory for either side. The Austrian forces are still on the offensive, an official statement from Petrograd says, but apparently neither side has given ground. In northern Poland the Russians are still pressing forward in an effort to expel the invaders but apparently the resistance of the Germans has stiffened, following their defeat at Paranyss and they are holding their positions firmly.

### Official VIEWS OF World's War GERMAN

Berlin, March 8.—The German war office today gave a report on the progress of the war as follows:

"In the western arena: Aviators of the enemy have dropped bombs on Ostend.

"The fighting in the Champagne district continued last night. At Souvigny operations were conducted on a hand-to-hand engagement. Hostilities were again resumed during the night. In the district to the east of Lennem the enemy attacked in the afternoon but this movement failed completely. Our night counter-attack was successful, 40 Frenchmen were captured.

"We repulsed attacks in the forest of La Prete, to the northwest of Pont-A-Mousson.

"In the Vosges, in the district west of Munster and north of Sennheim, the fighting is still going on. In the eastern arena: To the south of Augustowo, Russian attacks failed with heavy losses to the enemy. The fighting has been resumed in the vicinity of Lomza. To the west of Pryanyez and east of Plock the Russians have made several unsuccessful assaults upon our lines. Furthermore, German troops have repulsed Russian advances from the vicinity of Nowomieslo have not been successful. In the consequent fighting we took 1,500 prisoners."

### FRENCH

Paris, March 8.—The war office gave out the following statement this afternoon:

"There is nothing of importance in the Champagne section to add to yesterday's communication. Progress reported at different points is enhanced. At the end of the day we captured three trenches to the northwest of Souain.

In the region of the heights of Meuse our heavy artillery, according to prisoners, seriously damaged a 42 centimetre gun recently placed in position by the Germans. Four of the gun crew were killed and seven wounded.

"In Lorraine we progressed northwest of Badonviller. In the Vosges at Reich-Akerkopf the Germans made a violent counter-attack late Sunday afternoon. For the moment they were able to gain a footing on the ridge but after a furious hand-to-hand fight our riflemen drove them back and finally remanded masters of Reich-Akerkopf. The losses sustained by the enemy were extremely heavy.

"In upper Alsace southward of the railways, at Burnhaupt, an attempted attack against our advanced position was dispersed by the fire of our infantry."

## War Interest Shifts to Eastern Theatre Where Vast German and Russian Forces Meet In Fierce Conflict Southwest of Warsaw—Details of Battle Meagre.

Capture of 3,400 Prisoners at Rawa Is Reported By German Office—Western War Area Scene of Many Bloody Engagements Between Allies and Germans.

London, March 8.—The center of interest on the eastern front again has shifted with the announcement from Petrograd that a great battle is developing on the left bank of the river Vistula at a point southwest of Warsaw.

It is not yet clear, judging from messages reaching London, which side has taken the offensive but inspired sources both in Berlin and Petrograd have been hinting lately that vital operations might well be expected in this region. Messages from the Russian capital have declared that the old field of action in the direction of Posen and Silesia alone could serve as the decisive battle ground while Berlin has been predicting another brilliant action in the direction of Warsaw by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg.

### CAPTURE 3,400 RUSSIANS.

No great activity has been reported elsewhere on the eastern front except at Rawa where German headquarters claim the capture of 3,400 Russians. This action may be a part of the great battle which Petrograd says is now under way. Attacks and counter-attacks from the east of both Paris and Berlin official communications covering efforts on the western battle front but there is no indication of a decisive gain by either side. Attempts by the allies to force passage of the Dardanelles has caused a ferment in the near east which in Greece has reached the proportions of a "cabinet crisis." No new cabinet has yet been announced and King Constantine may have great difficulty forming a government with the popular Former Premier M. Venizelos leading the opposition.

There is no late news of the situation at the Dardanelles and the British public is awaiting with keen interest the next step in the business of the allies in marking the work of the storming fleet.

The release of the American cotton ship Pacific after several days' detention at Deal indicates that Premier Asquith's blockade policy has not yet been ratified by an order-in-council.

One of the unique aspects of the German submarine war operations has been the announcement of a reduction in trans-Atlantic passenger rates. This may even precipitate a rate war unless passengers are willing to pay higher prices for the safety of the American flag.

### Greece Facing Grave Crisis on War Policy

Rome, Mar. 8.—Special despatches to Italian newspapers from Athens describe the situation in Greece as grave. Some of the correspondents express the belief that the present deadlock between King Constantine and many of his advisers regarding the country's intervention in the war is the result of antagonism which had arisen between the ruler and Eleutherios Venizelos, premier in the cabinet which resigned Saturday after his declaration in favor of joining the allies, was frowned upon by the King. Other correspondents are of the opinion that intervention of Greece on the side of the allies already has been agreed upon.

Influence of Germany is supposed to have been responsible in a considerable measure for Greece obtaining possession of Kavala and Salonika on the Aegean Sea at the end of the Balkan war.

### Allies Rout Turks in Battle on Suez

Philadelphia, March 8.—A battle between French and British cruisers and a Turkish land force commanded by German officers along the Suez canal was described by Captain Tulloch, of the British steamer Nameric which docked here today after a 55 days voyage from Calcutta. Captain Tulloch said the Nameric reached the eastern entrance of the canal about Feb. 1 but had not been allowed to proceed because of the battle between the allies and the Turks near Ismailia. "The Turks," said Captain Tulloch, "attempted to cross the canal, led by (Continued on Page Two)